

Older Adults

These events are for everyone—singles and couples. Our activities are open to anyone age 55 and older regardless of church membership

Senior News—AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program Class! GUMC and AARP will present the “55 Alive Driver Safety Program,” an instructional defensive driving course for people age 55+ on Monday and Tuesday, June 20 and 21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The class will meet in Room 339 (Fellowship Forum classroom), and the cost is \$12 for AARP members (\$14 for non-members) payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call Ray Malone at 309-5966 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon. See the June issue of *The Tidings* for a full description of this event.

Wisdom and Grace Older Adult Conference, August 8-11. Come to Lake Junaluska to enjoy the late summer beauty of the Western North Carolina Mountains and join in fellowship and study with adults from across the Southeastern Jurisdiction at the oldest and best attended Older Adult conference in the United States. For more information or to register, go to lakejunaluska.com or call 828-454-6656. To inquire about a scholarship or receive a brochure, call Luci Cromer at 755-0803.

Missions

Rev. Deborah Smith, 754-7216, dsmith@germantownumc.org

United Methodist Neighborhood Center. The food pantries are giving out food as fast as they get it so any help you can give will be greatly appreciated—especially canned meats and vegetables, peanut butter, staples such as flour, sugar, eggs, milk, and bread. The UMNC is located at 3000 Walnut Grove Rd. Contact Sharon Cornelius at ssc0113@bellsouth.net or 754-6261 and she will be glad to deliver the donations to the center.

Mission Team Travels to Kenya July 7-21. This will be the fifth year that GUMC has sent a team to help AIDS Orphans in Africa. The team will build a home for an AIDS orphaned family, deliver needed medical supplies to Maua Methodist Hospital, help with hospital maintenance and repairs, give care to hospital patients, conduct a Vacation Bible School, lead a Chapel service, and sponsor a group of AIDS orphans for a two-day course of study at the Methodist Bio-Intensive Agricultural Training Center. *Our 2011 Team:* Carrie Allison, Rich and Terry Aust, Anna Clark, Ed Clark, Amy Fink, Catherine Livesay, Norris McGehee, Leda Phillips, Gary Pruitt, Barry and Susan Hillebert Smith, Colene Watkins, and Bill and Cathy Whitaker.

Prayer Concerns

We believe that prayer is a vital and relevant ministry in our faith community. Publication in Ministry Events is limited to birth and death notices, members' immediate concerns, and hospital or facility residents. Full listings are available each week in the Information Center and at both entrances to the sanctuary. Prayer requests forms are available at the Information Center or you may submit your request to Laura Meanwell at lmeanwell@germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

Births

Emily Claire Frazier, daughter of Emily and Lloyd Frazier; granddaughter of Jan and the late Lonnie Cain, May 3.

In Deepest Sympathy

John Whittaker, Jr. – member and husband of Cissy Whittaker, May 17
John Perkins, Sr. – father-in-law of Erica Lewis Perkins, May 11
Rebecca Joy Butler – granddaughter of Gene and Hazel Goodale, niece of Gene and Louise Goodale, May 11
Theda Manning – mother of Tim Dalfiume, May 9
Janice Houze – mother of Reggie Houze, May 6
Norma Prufert – former member, April 30

In Hospital or Care Facility

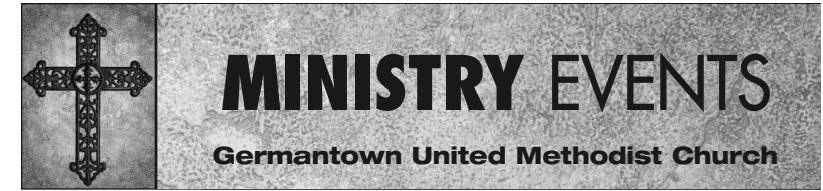
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Concerns - Congregational

Chris Atkinson, Harold Butler, Mary Carpenter, Jim Dacus, DeWayne Hawkins, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Saja Mason, Lillian and Lloyd Moore, Doris Morgan, Tom Oviatt, Jacob Still, Damien Stock, and Myra Thomas

Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Facilities

Belmont Village –Doris Morgan
Carriage Court – Annie Laurie Hall
Cordova Estates – Becky Anglin
Kirby Pines Manor - Mac Sain
Quince Nursing & Rehabilitation Center - Della Fout, mother of Monte Fout
Schilling Gardens - Gene and Hazel Goodale
Village of Germantown - Gene Nyhuis, father of Mary Rocha
Waverly Gardens -Martha and Dan Newlander



May 22, 2011

Announcements

GUMC Census. As we begin a new chapter in the life of Germantown United Methodist Church with new ministerial leadership, it is important to have accurate and up-to-date membership information. We are asking that all of our families complete a brief Census Form. (One per family.) Forms are located in the pew racks. Please complete and return to the designated basket located in the Narthex. If you wish, you may complete this census online at germantownumc.org.

College Student Sundays. Join us this summer as GUMC Sunday School classes host college students as a part of a new young adult ministry. The Believers Class will host our college students in May. Join them at 11 a.m. in Room 338. Starting in June, the group will sit together during the 9:40 a.m. worship service. For details contact dturner@germantownumc.org.

Ponderings: If you would like to receive Ponderings, an e-devotional from Rev. Richard Smith sent weekly, Monday-Thursday, please make a note in the Friendship Pad today or email dthurmond@germantownumc.org. The devotionals include a Scripture passage, thoughts from Richard, and questions for further reflection. You may also visit germantownumc.org/ponderings for an archive of the Ponderings emails.

Lifeblood Drive. Join us at our next blood drive on Sunday, May 29, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. All donors will receive a free T-Shirt. No appointments are necessary. For more information call Dick Benson at 828-4679.

Teachers Needed. Teachers are needed for Summer Sunday School in Elementary Grace Place. Lessons are simple, materials are provided, and the schedule is flexible. If you haven't had a chance to volunteer in Grace Place during the school year, please consider this opportunity to serve. Please contact Shelley Haines at shaines@germantownumc.org or Janelle Crist at jcrist@germantownumc.org for more information.

Beth Moore Bible Study: *“Discerning the Voice of God”* by Priscilla Shirer Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This study is designed to help participants know the voice of God—God’s language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through Scripture, participants will be able to discern God’s voice from the voice of strangers. This 7-week Bible Study will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:45-11:45 a.m. beginning June 22 and ending August 3. Cost is \$15 and child care will be available. Register at germantownumc.org or call Jessica Webster at 758-6511.

The Emmaus Sunday School Class would like to thank everyone who supported our class efforts to raise money for the Kenya Mission Trip. Because of your appetite for barbecue, the class raised \$2,130 to give to the Kenya Team to purchase supplies for the trip. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Journey to the Holy Land. Rev. Steve Atkins will be leading a trip to the Holy Land June 6-18, 2012. Visit www.eo.travelwithus.com for a complete description of the “Journey Through the Bible 2012” tour. Contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 299-2375 or 388-8144 for more information.

Art Camps at GUMC! Join us for a summer full of terrific Art Camps at GUMC. For information on the camps listed below, and more, visit our blog at www.melandmichelle.blogspot.com or send Melissa an e-mail at ecychowski@hotmail.com.

- **Very Broad Strokes Art Camp:** June 13 -June 17; 12:30-4:00 p.m. - Young Lounge, OLEC (*Ages 7 and up.*) This camp is at GUMC, after VBS, and out of the heat! Artists will gain exposure to a variety of materials and techniques and learn about some very interesting artists, their work, and their impact on history. We are happy to escort them from VBS to Art Camp!

- **“Picture This” Art Camp:** July 11 – July 15; 1:00-4:00 p.m. - The Cottage (*Ages 7 and up.*) Explore the many ways artists have painted themselves, their neighbors, their families and their pets throughout history! From long-faced Mondrians, to wacky Picassos - your child will have the most interesting portrait gallery around!

Ministry Opportunity. The Older Adult Ministry is in need of a driver on Sunday mornings to pick up and deliver worshippers from The Village of Germantown. If you could help once every two months, contact Beverly Rhoads at brhoads@germantownumc.org or call 754-7216, ext 107.

May Book Group. Our next book group will meet on Monday, May 23, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 338. We will be discussing *The Baby Thief* by Barbara Raymond.

VBS Volunteers Needed! (June 13-17, 9 a.m.-noon). VBS Group Guides are needed for all age groups! Group guides are adults who guide a group of children through daily activity stations. If you are signing your child up for VBS or just love being around children, please consider serving in this fun and vital role. Volunteer registration forms are available at the Information Center or at germantownumc.org.

VBS Prep Work Needed. Can’t help during VBS week, but still want to contribute? Come by Grace Place Education wing (Room 261) on Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:30 a.m. to help paint, cut, create props, etc. Take-home projects are also available. If interested, contact Janelle Crist or Shelley Haines at 754-7216.

The Men’s Sunrise Prayer Group would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to all men as we begin an Interpretation Bible Study of the book of Luke. The study book is written by Thomas Walker of Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. This study is held each Tuesday morning from 6:30-7:15 a.m. in Room 339. Join us at any time during this study. For more information, contact Bryan Barger at 752-0522 or John Phillips at 756-5434.

Owings Life Enrichment Center

Tiffany Griffin, 753-3100, tgriffin@germantownumc.org

Patrick Peavy (sports), 753-3100, ppeavy@germantownumc.org

Summer Sports Camps for Kids. Our Summer Sports Camps will be held June 20-24 and July 25-29. Camp hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This camp is for children who have completed senior kindergarten-6th grade. The cost per camp is \$95 each, which includes lunch and all available sports activities. Online registration for the June camp is May 2-June 5 and registration for July camp is June 6-July 10. Register online at germantownumc.org. Questions? Contact Patrick Peavy at ppeavy@germantownumc.org.

Pedal & Pump on Thursdays @ 9 a.m. taught by Jen Boyle. Come and join us for a great, brand new type of cycling class for the whole body! Think cycling meets the ever popular bootcamp! This hour-long workout mixes traditional cycling with intervals of bootcamp style exercises using plyometrics, weights, bands, abs and body weight. It’s an excellent total body, cardio and strength workout in just one hour!

The Tighten and Tone class is led by Ronda McCain on Wednesdays from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Work every major muscle group in your body using a variety of resistance equipment.

May Specials. Call our licensed massage therapist, Carol Panasuk, at 292-5913 to make an appointment. Gift certificates are also available.

Yoga at the OLEC. Increase strength and gain flexibility at our yoga class taught by Sara Carr on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. The class works the entire body, from head to toe.

Dr. Bob’s Yoga and Relaxation classes are a more gentle system of yoga which focuses on the relaxation aspects and benefits. Dr. Robert Hughes has been teaching yoga since 1975 and has worked for UT Dept. of Community Medicine and has been teaching Yoga for years at the University of Memphis. Classes are held on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building in the Emmanuel Classroom.

Children’s Ministries

Janelle Crist, 758-6525, jcrist@germantownumc.org

Shelley Haines 758-6512, shaines@germantownumc.org

Elementary Grace Place. Grace Place is the Sunday School program for children in senior kindergarten through 5th grade offered from 9:40-10:40 or 11:00-12:00. This week we conclude our rotation, *“Paul: On the Road to Damascus.”* As the children rotate weekly through four stations—Story, Games, Discovery, and Crafts—they will learn about how God turned Paul’s life around and set him off in a new direction. Children will discover how God calls each of us to be followers of Jesus and promises to be with us.

VBS: June 13-17. Deadline to register is June 5! We are bringing on the zany kitchen fun at GUMC’s *“Shake it up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God’s Recipe”* Vacation Bible School. Children age 4 (by 9/30/11) through rising 6th grade will be chefs-in-training as they explore and experience recipes for living out God’s Word. Registration forms are available at Grace Place, in the Fellowship Hall, or you may register at germantownumc.org.

Student Ministries

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Element. Element, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights at the OLEC from 6-8 p.m. A snack supper is available for \$3. Join us tonight for our annual Element Photo Scavenger Hunt! Note the start time for tonight is 5 p.m. We’ll see you then!

Mission Trip Balance. The final balance for summer missions is due no later than Wednesday, June 1. We will be in touch between now and then to let you know what your remaining balance is. Please make note of other important mission prep dates, which are listed on your details sheet(s).

Element Summer Nights. Our Element Summer Nights program will start on June 5. The 2011 summer calendar will be coming your way soon, and will contain details for each of our exciting events over the next few months.